

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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ERADICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of unemployed persons in the country in beginning of the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the Government have assessed the achievement made during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have also assessed the issue of unemployment in the country before finalizing the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (e) if so, the projections of unemployed youths in the country in the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the target fixed for eradicating unemployment during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

- (a): Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. As per these survey, estimated number of unemployed persons in the country on current daily status basis in 1993-94 and 1999-2000 was of the order of 20.13 million and 26.58 million respectively.
- (b) & (c): The Planning Commission had projected annual employment growth on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) basis at 2.44% during the Ninth Plan (1997-02) period. As per the estimates available from labour force surveys, employment had grown at the rate of approximately 0.98% per annum during 1994-2000.
- (d): Yes, Sir.
- (e): The Special Group headed by Dr. S.P.Gupta, Member, Planning Commission on targeting 10 million employment opportunities per year during 10th Plan period, has estimated that the number of unemployed persons on current daily status basis during 2001-2002 was of the order of 34.85 million.
- (f): The Special Group has estimated that the number of unemployed persons will come down to approximately 21.15 million by the end of the 10th Plan.